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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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FOR A/OC/ARA/RCO RAMBO; A/SY/FO; ARA/MGT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: USE OF LOCAL TECHNICIAN FOR RADIO SERVICING

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING LENGTHY DELAYS IN THE RETURN OF PV 06 RECEIVERS AND PORTAMOBILE RADIOS FORWARDED TO CEO, MEXICO FOR SERVICING AND REPAIR. AS RECENT EXAMPLE, 5 PV 06'S AND RADIOS WERE SENT IN OCT 1977; OF THE FOUR RETURNED IN JAN 1978, THREE WERE NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY THUS NECESSITATING THE RETURN OF ONE PORTAMOBILE HN-36 RECEIVER AND 2 HN-36 BATTERIES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICING. ALTHOUGH THE PANAM STRIKE IN MEXICO MAY POSSIBLY HAVE AGGRAVATED THIS SHIPMENT TIME, NONETHELESS THESE DELAYS DO OCCUR AND THE POST IS SHORT STOCKED ON READILY AVAILABLE RADIOS FOR NORMAL AND/OR EMERGENCY USES.

2. EMBASSY (CRO/RSO) HAS INVESTIGATED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING RADIO EQUIPMENT SERVICED BY LOCAL GE TECHNICIAN, DONALD C. PRENTICE, GUATEMALAN CITIZEN. RSO INVESTIGATION REFLECTS PRENTICE AND HIS ASSISTANT HAVE NO POLICE RECORD AND INTERNAL RECORD CHECKS ARE CLEAR. FOR PAST 5 YRS, PRENTICE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIRING MAJOR RADIO PROBLEMS FOR PRESIDENTIAL POLICE STAFF (EQUIVALENT OF US SECRET SERVICE AND COUNTERSUBVERSION UNIT). PRENTICE HAS ALSO BEEN DOING SIMILAR RADIO WORK FOR NATIONAL POLICE FOR PAST 4 YRS, AS WELL AS FOR THE GUATEMALAN ARMY.

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PRENTICE HAS RECEIVED VERY FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CHIEFS OF COMMUNICATIONS OF BOTH NATIONAL PALACE AND NATIONAL POLICE. HE HAS BEEN IN THE RADIO SERVICING/REPAIR BUSINESS FOR PAST 16 YRS.

3. HERSH MILLER, AG/SEC COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, MET WITH PRENTICE, WAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS RADIO REPAIR

OPERATION, CONSIDERS HIS QUOTED PRICES REASONABLE, AND SUPPORTS
POST REQUEST.

4. TO AVOID DELAYS IN SERVICING/REPAIRING RADIO EQUIPMENT AND
REDUCE DOWN-TIME ON EMBASSY LIMITED EQUIPMENT, REQUEST AUTHORI-
ZATION TO UTILIZE SERVICES OF PRENTICE FOR SERVICING/REPAIRING
POST RADIO EQUIPMENT.

5. DEPARTMENT'S FAVORABLE TELEGRAPHIC REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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